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KOREAN LABOR PARTY STRESSES
CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PUBLIC

Lenin and Stalin always emphasized that the party must maintain close relations with the public. The Korean Labor Party, which follows the organization experiences of senior revolutionary parties, has always endeavored and continues to endeavor to strengthen and consolidate its relationship with the nonmember public. The maintenance of such a relationship is an important condition in making correct party decisions in our Labor Party and also for the People's Republic. In making every decision and plan, the vast experiences of the people as well as the experiences of other leaders and ordinary workers must be utilized.

Thus, to solve problems correctly, it is necessary to add the experiences of the working public to the experiences of its leaders. Often the leaders have one-sided views on issues and on people because their views are from the top. Consequently, their experiences are limited to a certain extent. On the other hand, the working public looks on issues and the people from the other side, the bottom. Consequently, their views are also limited to some extent. These two groups must unite to solve problems correctly.

As stated above, the close relationship with the public renders a great deal of assistance toward arriving at correct decisions, but a good decision is merely the beginning of a task. The real result is determined by the organized struggle to carry out the decision and by the participation of the vast working public. Therefore, after a decision is made, the party units must put nonparty groups into motion and create a deep understanding of the task among the working public, utilizing all methods of propaganda to arouse interests. Only thus can the party's decision become the property of the public and penetrate its consciousness. Then, the decision becomes a compelling force and activates the task that was proposed in the decision. The necessity for close relationship between the public, the party, and its leaders, therefore, is again and again emphasized.

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Secondly, our party, in most cases, works with the public through the party cells, i.e., the party cells are in direct contact with the public and generally live among them. Consequently, it is especially important for the party cells always to practice their agitational and organizational functions among the public, thus carrying out the decisions of the party and extending its assistance to the public. Moreover, every party member must keep in touch with the policies and decisions of the People's Republic.

The organizer and the leader of our party, Comrade Kim Il-song, has emphasized that he would severely attack bureaucratic and careless tendencies in the party which isolate the party from the public. He said, "We must establish a habit of going to the public and lower-class members of the party to explain party intentions to them and to study their psychology and lead them along the road of purposeful accomplishment. We must establish a habit of leading them, not by giving them orders, but by siding with them and by educating them."

Every unit of our party must concentrate on strengthening the relationship between the party and the public on the basis of the teachings of our party leaders and on the fundamental rules governing organization of the party.

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